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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

JOINT RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (GENERAL ASSEMBLY)

Introduced By: Senators Blais, and Connors

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

1 RESOLVED, That a majority of all members elected to each house of the general
2 assembly voting therefore, the following amendment to the Constitution of the state be proposed
3 to the qualified electors of the state in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV of the
4 Constitution for their approval and that it take place of Article XIV, Section 1 which is hereby
5 amended to read as follows:

6 SECTION 1. Procedure for proposing and approving amendments. – The general
7 assembly may propose amendments to the Constitution of the state by a roll call vote of a
8 majority of the members elected to each house. Any amendment thus proposed in two
9 consecutive years shall be published in such manner as the general assembly shall direct, and
10 submitted to the electors at the next general election as provided in the resolution of approval;
11 and, if then approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, it shall become a part of the
12 Constitution.

13 RESOLVED, That this amendment shall take, in the Constitution of the state, the place of
14 Article XIV, Section 1 of the Constitution; it is further

15 RESOLVED, That the said proposition of amendments shall be submitted to the electors
16 for their approval or rejection at the next statewide general election. The voting places in the
17 several cities and towns shall be kept open during the hours required by law for voting therein for
18 general officers of the state; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause the said proposition of amendments

1 to be published as a part of this resolution in the newspapers of the state prior to the date of the
2 said meetings of the said electors; and the said proposition shall be inserted in the warrants or
3 notices to be issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town,
4 ward, or district meetings, and said proposition shall be read by the town, ward, and district
5 meetings to be held as aforesaid; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the town, ward, and district meetings to be held aforesaid shall be
7 warned, and the list of voters shall be canvassed and made up, and the said, town, ward, and
8 district meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as now provided by law for the town,
9 ward, and district meetings for the election of general officers of the state.

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